Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 15 Nov 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 16 Nov 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 14 Nov 2023 at 16:53 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: There is some uncertainty in timing of rain and summit snow clearing the south on Wednesday. Good confidence for a lot of dry weather and a few showers on Thursday and Friday then lower confidence for timing of unsettled weather over the weekend.

Headline for Wednesday 15 Nov 2023: Rain and summit snow clearing south then dry and bright. Cold on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 15 Nov 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Light snow	Light snow	Light snow	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
70%	70%	50%	40%	10%	10%	10%	10%

Forecast for Wednesday 15 Nov 2023

Weather: Mainly cloudy overnight with outbreaks of rain and summit snow but drier, clearer in north. A cloudy start across southern ranges with some rain, falling as sleet or snow above 700m. Drier and brighter conditions across the north will gradually spread south through the day but the Cuillin and ranges south of Glen Affric my stay cloudy into the afternoon. A cold evening with clear spells.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% becoming 90%. Summits in south staying cloudy for longest.

Low cloud and visibility: Areas of low cloud and fog above 500m in the south with poor visibility in rain or snow. This will lift and clear with very good visibility from most ranges by late morning.

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Forecast for Wednesday 15 Nov 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	32/41 E	29/37 E	26/34 E	23/32 E	18/25 E	12/17 E	9/13 SE	9/11 SE	9/12 SE
900	32/41 E	27/35 E	25/33 E	23/32 E	18/26 E	13/18 E	9/13 SE	9/11 SE	9/12 SE
600	22/32 E	19/28 E	17/26 E	13/23 E	11/20 E	9/15 E	8/11 SE	7/9 SE	7/10 SE
300	9/27 E	8/24 E	8/22 E	8/20 E	7/16 E	6/12 E	5/9 E	5/8 E	4/8 E
Glen	18/31 E	17/29 E	14/25 E	10/19 E	8/15 E	7/12 E	6/9 E	6/8 E	6/9 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-1/-9	-1/-9	-1/-9	-1/-8	-0/-7	-0/-5	-1/-5	-1/-5	-2/-6
900	-0/-8	-0/-8	-0/-8	-0/-7	0/-6	0/-5	-0/-4	-1/-5	-1/-5
600	2/-4	2/-4	2/-4	2/-3	3/-2	3/-1	2/-1	1/-2	1/-2
300	4/0	4/0	3/0	3/0	4/2	4/2	3/0	2/-1	1/-1
Glen	7/2	7/2	6/2	6/4	7/5	7/5	6/4	6/4	6/4
Freezing Level*	900m	900m	800m	800m	800m	900m	900m	900m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
A significant wind chill on the tops. Be prepared for some snow and icy conditions under foot above 800m.

Forecast for Thursday 16 Nov 2023
Weather: A cold night with a frost and fog patches in some glens, slow to clear. A largely dry day with long sunny spells but cloud increasing in the afternoon. A band of showers, wintry above 800m, may spread into the west coast late in the day.

Maximum wind: Southerly 15mph, gusts 25mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90%.

Low cloud and visibility: Mainly excellent visibility. Patchy fog on low slopes in the morning, also some patches of cloud above 500m with locally poor visibility in any showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2C rising to 7C.
At 800m: Plus 1C.
Freezing level: 900m.

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